

**REMINGTON RECREATIONAL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
May 21, 2025 6:30 pm  
Athol Community Center**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman Shawn Mosqueda opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. A roll call confirmed Charlie Richmond, Robin Pugh, Eric Parent and Bill Hennig were also present. Staff present were John Austin, Manager, Ashley Williams, Engineer, Danielle Quade, Bond Attorney, Bob Kuchenski and Ian Kuchenski, Water Operators and Debbie Swensen, Accountant.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Mosqueda opened the Public Presentation for Local Improvement District No. 1 and Local Improvement District No. 2 at 6:31 pm. He introduced the Board and staff and provided a history of the District, including the hookups since 1996 to reach 453. Ms. Williams then presented the report on the Local Improvement Districts (LIDs) 1 and 2, including the timeline and projects involved. She noted the reasons the improvements were needed, and included that when the largest well went down, a new third well was available. This was good because a wildland fire occurred during this time. The improvements include the third well, new 160,000 gallon reservoir, 12" transmission lines and upgraded booster station.

Ms. Williams then discussed the amount of the assessment for each of the 505 parcels now able to be served, including 55 available for future connections. She noted all of the future connections are 'owned' by the District and paid for from cash reserves the Board accrued over 25 years, most of which were from capitalization fees from new hookups during that time. With the new capitalization fee of \$12,330, the 55 new hookups will more than cover the cost of those owned by the District. She said the estimated assessment will be around \$4,700 and will be finalized at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on May 28, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Athol Community Center. She noted the original estimate was for up to \$6,500 so the final assessment will be well below that. One reason is because of a \$1 million ARPA grant that helped to offset some of the costs. She said the assessments will be sent out in the coming weeks and can be paid in full within 30 days (June 28, 2025) or financed by the District via a loan from the Department of Environmental Quality at 3.75% interest over 30 years. The assessment is \$267.45, and the first payment is not due until June 28, 2026.

The public was then invited to comment on the report and estimated assessment.

1. Wes Seyfort asked why the District is not receiving monthly payments. Mr. Austin said the District would set up the ability to receive the payments monthly but that an agreement for that would be necessary.
2. Robert Sweeney asked about the process to pay
3. A rep of the Barjada Trust asked about the lien on the property, which is only if the LID Assessment is not paid in full.
4. Bryce Peterson asked about the DEQ involvement and the need to upgrade the system. He said is there a buffer if we can't serve 505 hookups. Ms. Williams said there is sufficient capacity to serve the 505 hookups, based on the highest usage date.

5. Elaine Williams asked about the payment process, which is annual so does interest accrue and Ms. Quade explained the process of accrual.
6. There was another question protesting the process for additional hookups.
7. Robert Swan asked about capacities and is asking about the 1% admin fee, which he is protesting as too high. Mr. Austin the fee is about \$3/month for the outstanding assessments and is to cover the cost of the accounting and management of the LIDs.
8. There were questions about why didn't the District know about the DEQ changes, and who is now responsible. Ms. Williams said her firm now keeps tabs on those changes.
9. Another comment from the audience was about needing more time to come up with the assessment. Ms. Williams noted that the original assessment of up to \$6,500 was made 4 years ago, when residents were advised they would be assessed at the completion of the project.
10. Lacey Archer said he purchased 18 months ago and they heard about the LID then
11. Sean Long asked about why not an annual notice of this cost and Ms. Williams said there were notices, beginning 4 years ago.
12. There was a question from the audience about the financing from DEQ and Ms. Williams explained the requirements for the funding and payments

Chairman Mosqueda then opened the Public Hearing on the Assessment Roll for LID No. 1 at 8:13pm. Ms. Quade read the comments received by the District. With no protests, the Hearing was then closed at 8:15 pm.

Chairman Mosqueda then opened the Public Hearing on the Assessment Roll for LID No.2 at 8:16 pm. There were no formal protests so the hearing was closed at 8:16 pm.

Chairman Mosqueda then reopened the Public Hearing on the Assessment Roll for LID No. 1 at 8:16 pm to hear from Elena Williams Tutt, who protested not having enough time to review the information and wishes to consult with an attorney. The Hearing was then closed at 8:19 pm.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm following a motion by Mr. Parent and second by Mr. Hennig.